(c) In addition to better post harvest handling and cold storage, to prevent wastage, development of food processing industries is the key to better utilization of fruits and vegetables. Assistance for various post harvest operations like settng up pack house, value added centre, cold storage, infrastructure like food park, cold chain etc., setting up of food processing industries, their technology upgradation, modernization etc. is available under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Besides, agencies like NHB, APEDA, NCDC also provide assistance under their respective schemes.

Fake institutions

†380. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Moti Rakam Lekar Degree De Rahe Hain Farzi Sansthan" published in the Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 7th December, 2002;

(b) the steps taken by Government to identify such fake institutes;

(c) whether Government have been successful in apprehending the persons running these institutes; and

(d) if not, the arrangements made by Government to arrest such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Commission for Children

381. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up National Commission for Children on the lines of the National Human Rights Commission;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;

(c) whether the views of the various child rights' organisations functioning in the country have been obtained, especially in regard to powers, functions and the structure of the Commission; and

(d) to what extent the proposed Commission would meet India's international commitments in implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) The proposal to set up a National Commission for Children is under consideration of the Government, keeping in view the provisions of other National Commissions.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The existing constitutional provisions, laws, policies, programmes and schemes available in the country for children are fully consistent with the obligations required under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Child Counselling Services

382. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Women and Child Development has mooted a proposal for regulating Child Counselling Services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of constituting any regulatory body on the lines of Medical Council of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Government is engaged in a planning exercise to upgrade and professionalise counselling sevices for women and children. As of now, there is no firm proposal for establishing a Counselling Council of India.